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EGG PRODUCTION UP IN JUNE

HARRISBURG --- Egg production in <u>Pennsylvania</u> during June 2000 totaled 497 million eggs, up 2 percent from the 489 million eggs produced in June 1999, according to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service (PASS). The total number of layers on hand averaged 22.5 million during the month, up slightly from June 1999. Production per 100 layers was 2,210 eggs during the month, compared with 2,179 eggs in June 1999.

Egg-type chicks hatched during June 2000 totaled 5.0 million, 18 percent less than the 6.0 million hatched the previous June. Broiler-type chicks hatched totaled 12.9 million during June 2000, up 1 percent from the previous year.

<u>United States'</u> egg production totaled 6.80 billion during June 2000, up 1 percent from the corresponding month a year ago. The total number of layers during June averaged 325 million, up 1 percent from the number of layers a year ago. June egg production per 100 layers was 2,092, compared with 2,104 in June 1999.

Egg-type chicks hatched during June totaled 36.6 million, 12 percent below the June 1999 total. Broiler-type hatch, at 748 million, was up slightly from June of the previous year. There were 27.0 million turkey poults placed in the United States during June 2000, up 5 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago.